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Subject: 1400 Baseline Road

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Hello, Coun. Pearson.

I am writing to you with regard to the article below:

<https://www.thespec.com/news/council/2021/01/13/city-of-hamilton-to-put-proceeds-of-stoney-creek-land-to-affordable-housing.html>

To be fully transparent, I am a resident of this neighbourhood and I am strongly opposed to this proposed development on 1400 Baseline Road.

The article references a maximum of 9 stories, up from the current 3 story cap.

This building will not only be a tremendous eyesore in a neighbourhood that was originally designed to be a gated community when it was first established, it will also take away from the natural beauty of the area as it will be located very close to the Fifty Point Conservation Area.

I am concerned that the neighbourhood does not have the infrastructure (sewer, parking, electric grid, police presence, etc.) to accommodate this building.

Aside from the building itself, I am opposed to the idea of putting “affordable housing” in this location as I don’t believe this location will set them up for success.

This location is not ideal for persons that require affordable housing as it is distant from resources (social services, public transportation, etc.) and would be better suited for downtown Hamilton.

The vast majority of residents in this neighbourhood are commuters and placing individuals with limited means in this area without adequate sidewalks or a transportation system is dangerous (this assumes individuals that require affordable housing do not have access to a vehicle).

I prefer Coun. Johnson’s idea of using this land for commercial purposes as this would likely garner the city a higher value for the property and could compliment the neighbourhood and piggyback on the traffic that passes by that location to go to the Fifty Point Conservation Area.

I am also concerned as there is no signage on the property to inform the neighbourhood of this proposal and the citizens deserve to have a voice.

I do support your desire to install sidewalks in the area and I understand that we need to raise funds before we can consider installing them; commercial development is the ideal solution to generate these funds.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my feedback.

Mandy Halliday, Ward 10 Resident